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Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mr. KNOWLAND, Mr. WILEY, Mr. MUNDT, Mr. FULBRIGHT, Mr. GREEN, Mr. GILLETTE, and Mr. HILL) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JULY 18 (legislative day, JULY 6), 1953

Reported by Mr. HICKENLOOPER, with amendments

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JOINT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the overseas information program as carried on through the media of telecommunications is of continuing and increasing importance in carrying out and supporting the foreign policies of the United States; and

Whereas in his State of the Union message, February 2, 1953, the President asserted the necessity "to make more effective all activities related to international information"; and

Whereas the Senate Special Subcommittee on Overseas Information Programs of the Foreign Relations Committee in a report filed June 15, 1953, concluded that "the feasibility of linking the Atlantic nations and much of the non-Com-

unist world * * * in vast television networks is established; and

Whereas the special subcommittee suggested the creation of a commission "to study the present status and the potentialities of the international use of all forms of telecommunications": Therefore be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That there is hereby established a commission to be known
4 *governmental issue of*
- 5 *as the Commission on International Telecommunications (in*
- 6 *this Act referred to as the "Commission").*

6 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION

7 SEC. 2. NUMBER AND APPOINTMENT.—The Commis-
8 sion shall be composed of nine members as follows:

- 9 (1) Five appointed by the President of the United
10 States, of whom at least one each shall be appointed
11 from the telecommunications industry and *at least one*
12 *from the field of education education and of whom not*
13 *more than three shall be from the same political party;*
- 14 (2) Two appointed from the Senate by the Presi-
15 dent of the Senate *of whom not more than one shall be*
16 *from the same political party; and*
- 17 (3) Two appointed from the House of Represent-
18 atives by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
19 *of whom not more than one shall be from the same politi-*
20 *cal party.*

1 (b) POLITICAL AFFILIATION.—Of the first class of
2 members mentioned in subsection (a), no more than three
3 members shall be from the same political party. Of the
4 second and third classes of members mentioned in subsection
5 (a) only one member shall be selected from the same
6 political party.

7 ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMISSION

8 SEC. 3. The Commission shall choose its Chairman and
9 Vice Chairman from among its members and shall estab-
10 lish its own procedure.

11 QUORUM

12 SEC. 4. Five members of the Commission shall con-
13 stitute a quorum.

14 COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

15 SEC. 5. (a) MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—Members of
16 Congress who are members of the Commission shall serve
17 without compensation in addition to that received for their
18 services as Members of Congress; but *without regard to any*
19 *other provision of law* they shall be reimbursed for travel,
20 subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them
21 in the performance of the duties vested in the Commission
22 *and reasonable advances may be made to them for such*
23 *purposes.*

24 (b) MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.—Any
25 members of the Commission who may be in the executive

1 branch of the Government shall receive the compensation
2 which he would receive if he were not a member of the
3 Commission, but *without regard to any other provision of*
4 *law* they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence and other
5 necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of
6 the duties vested in the Commission *and reasonable advances*
7 *may be made to them for such purposes.*

8 (e) MEMBERS FROM PRIVATE LIFE.—The members
9 from private life shall receive not to exceed \$75 per diem
10 when engaged in the performance of duties vested in the
11 Commission, plus reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and
12 other necessary expenses incurred by them in the perform-
13 ance of such duties.

14 STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

15 SEC. 6. The Commission shall have power to appoint
16 a Secretary General at a salary of not to exceed \$15,000
17 *per annum*, and an Assistant Secretary General at a salary
18 of not to exceed \$12,500 *per annum*, and such other per-
19 sonnel in accordance with the Classification Act of 1949, as
20 amended, or to obtain assistance from Government agencies
21 on a reimbursable basis. The Commission is further author-
22 ized to employ experts and consultants for temporary and
23 intermittent personal services, but at rates not to exceed
24 \$75 per diem for ~~individuals~~ *each individual*. The Com-
25 mission is authorized *without regard to any other provision*

1 of law to reimburse employees, experts, and consultants for
2 travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by
3 them in the performance of their official duties and to make
4 reasonable advances to such persons for such purposes.

5 EXPENSES OF THE COMMISSION

6 SEC. 7. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated,
7 out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
8 not to exceed \$25,000 \$250,000 to carry out the provisions
9 of this Act.

10 REPORT—EXPIRATION OF THE COMMISSION

11 SEC. 8. (a) REPORT.—On or before December 31,
12 1954 the Commission shall make a report of its findings
13 and recommendations to the Congress. *It may submit such*
14 *interim reports as it deems desirable.*

15 (b) EXPIRATION OF THE COMMISSION.—Ninety days
16 after the submission to the Congress of the report provided
17 for in subsection (a) of this section 8, the Commission shall
18 cease to exist.

19 DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION

20 SEC. 9. The Commission is directed to examine, study,
21 and report on the subject of international telecommunicat-
22 ions and to recommend agreements, policies, and measures
23 which will stimulate the development and the effective use
24 of this media in fostering cooperation and mutual understand-
25 ing among the free nations of the world.

Without limiting the general scope of this direction, the work of the Commission shall include consideration of, and report on, the following matters:

4 (1) Present status of the use of the international air-
5 ways in the information programs of this country and other
6 nations of the world.

(2) Present status of the use of television in the information programs of this country and other nations of the world.

10 (3) Possibilities of the expanded use of television in
11 carrying out the purposes of Public Law 402 (Eightieth
12 Congress).

13 (4) Possibilities of international cooperation, both gov-
14 ernmental and private, in the construction, maintenance and
15 operation of facilities to link the free nations of the world
16 in an effective international telecommunications' (includ-
17 ing television) network.

18 POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

19 SEC. 10. (a) The Commission or, on the authorization
20 of the Commission, any subcommittee or member thereof,
21 shall have power to hold hearings and sit and act at such
22 times and places in the United States and abroad and at
23 such times, to require by subpena or otherwise the attend-
24 ance of such witnesses and the production of such books,
25 papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, and to

1 take such testimony, and to make such lawful expenditures
2 as the Commission or such subcommittee or member may
3 deem advisable. Subpenas shall be issued under the signa-
4 ture of the Chairman of the Commission and shall be served
5 by any person designated by him.

6 *(b) The Commission may authorize the Chairman or*
7 *the Vice Chairman to make the expenditures herein author-*
8 *ized and such other expenditures as the Commission may deem*
9 *advisable, Provided, however, That when the Commision*
10 *ceases its activities it shall submit to the Appropriations Com-*
11 *mittees of the Senate and the House of Representatives a*
12 *statement of its fiscal transactions properly audited by the*
13 *Comptroller General of the United States.*

14 **{b} (c)** The Commission is authorized to secure from any
15 department, agency, or independent instrumentality of the
16 Government any information it deems necessary to carry
17 out its functions under this Act; and each such department,
18 agency, and instrumentality is authorized and directed to
19 furnish such information to the Commission, upon request
20 made by the Chairman or by the Vice Chairman when
21 acting as Chairman.

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